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SEEBERT M. P. CHURCH

A society was formed here a few years ago, and a good church was built by the Methodist Protestants and the Presbyterians jointly. Rev. W. T. Hogsett, a local minister, organized this society. He and his family and David Dean and family were members here. There are still seventeen members at Seebert, although the Seventh Day Adventists have almost suceeded in disorganizing the class since Brother Seebert moved to Marlinton.

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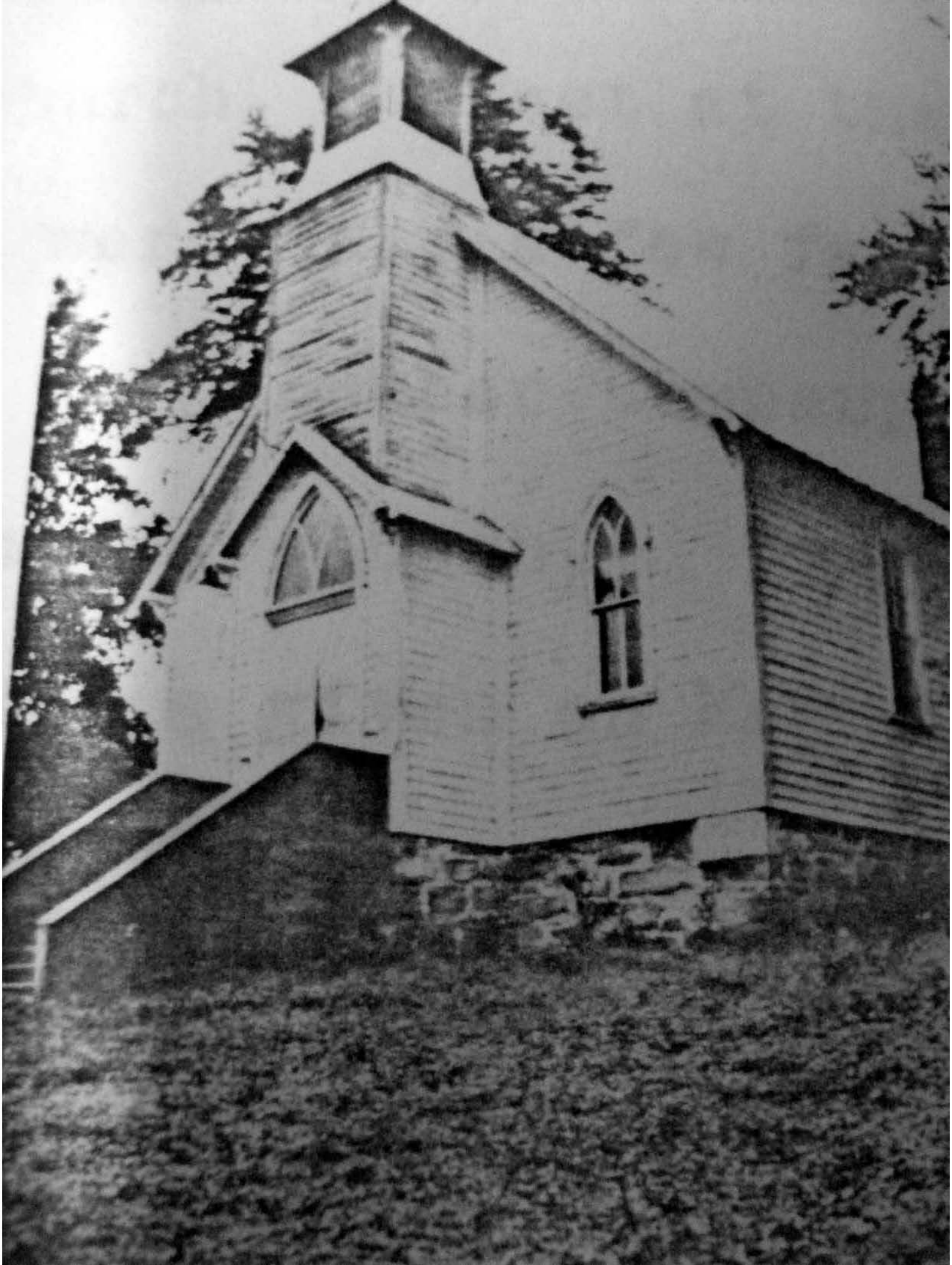
This church was built in 1908. It seems that the Methodist Episcopal members tried to persuade the Methodist Protestants not to build a church as the M. E. church had been completed in 1906, and they felt that one church was enough for a small village like Seebert. However, they went ahead and raised money enough to build a church of their own along with the Presbyterians.

The record book for this church shows the following membership for 1908. J. B. Pyles, Sarah Pyles, Moody Pyles, Sherman Pyles, Rev. W. T. Hogsett, Denma Hogsett, N. A. Clarkston, Lizzie Clarkston, Bessie Clarkston, Isaac Coulter, Nancy Coulter, Ivy Clendennin, Sarah Gum, Lou Steiger, Martha McClure, Forrest Workman, Silas Workman, Saul Workman, Bessie Workman. This record must not be complete as the Dean family was not given. The records show only a membership of twenty-four by 1920.

The Methodist Protestant records have all been very poorly kept and it is hard to get much information from them. So many of the ministers stayed for such a short time that they did not have time to accomplish much, therefore, kept no records at all. Many of them did not even put their own names on the books.

But, sometime in the 1920's a Seventh Day Adventist minister by the name of Moore came up from Charleston and preached for a few nights. The people liked his preaching and some of them ask him to stay and hold a revival. The result was that so many were won over to his beliefs that the church became disorganized. The Adventists sent no regular minister to carry on the work begun by Moore, and the M. P. membership had become so small that the church was discontinued as a place of worship by the Methodists. This small class has been transferred to the other Methodist church at Seebert since the Methodists have been united. The Presbyterians have also discontinued services in this church and for the past four years it has been an abandoned church.

The only three ministers named in the records as having preached at this church were B. M. Mitchell, D. S. Boggs and Paul Riegel. I feel sure there were many more whose names were not given. I went down to Seebert in August but there seemed to be no one who could tell me much that I felt was very authentic.



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Seebert Chapel, M. E. South

The first Sunday school organized at Seebert was held in an old out building near where G. O. Auldridge lives, then when the school house was built the Sunday school was held in it. The M. E. , South members at Seebert held their membership at Hillsboro, so it was decided that they would build a church of their own so it would be more convenient to attend church. A preacher by the name of Dills was on the work at the time the church was started. He later went to Oklahoma as a Missionary.

The building committee was composed of the following men; George G. Clendenen, Ollie Auldridge, Kenna O. Wade, and William H. Wade. To these men fell the most of the responsability of building the church. In fact at that time the membership was very small as there were only a few families in Seebert, but a little later when the Warn Lumber Company operated at this place, they had a well attended church.

The deed was given on May 3, 1904 by George G. Clendenen and Lou Clendenen, his wife to K. O. Wade, G. O. Auldridge, and J. L. Simmons, trustees of the M. E. Church, South. For the sum of $5.00 - one acre more or less on which they shall build or cause to be erected a good and suitable Church Edifice, that the said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of Divine Worship.

Most of the money was raised by subscription and suppers, however $300. was collected on the day of dedication. They have built concrete steps and a new roof in the last few years at the cost of $200. At the present it is valued at $2500. It is very comfortably furnished on the inside, has a organ, electric lights.

The corner stone was laid by the Masons with George McClintic as the head officer(whatever the title is) on this corner stone are the words Seebert Chapel, then a Masonic emblem, and the date 1906. It was in the year of 1906 that this church was finished and dedicated. A preacher from Hinton came here to preach the dedicatory sermon.

The oldest members are: Isaac Smith, Susan Pyles, Lizzie Clendenen, William Clendenen, George Clendenen, Lou Clendenen, K. O. Wade, W. H. Wade, G. O. Auldridge, Mrs. G. O. Auldridge, G. O. Auldridge has been Supt. of the Sunday school for the past 25 years. At the present there is an average attendanc of 37. The other church workers at present time are Mrs. G. O. Auldridge, Mrs. C. K. Levisay, Mrs. Herold Elmore, Susan Pyles, Laura Pyles and Nina Boblett.

Since the union of the Methodist churches, the Methodist Protestants of Seebert have been united with the M. E. Church, and the Protestant church has been abandoned. Seebert is an appointment on the Hillsboro circuit.

From - Deed Book 37 page 14

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Auldridge

At Spring Creek, just below Seebert, there is no church. For a lon time these people used the school house but of recent years the school house has been torn down, and the people use an old abandone building for sunday school and young peoples meetings.